

nections not to exceed two years at other places.

Accordingly, the waiting list persons will be provided telephone connections progressively during the 8th Plan.

[*Translation*]

Electronic Exchanges in Indore

1645. SHRIMATISUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of electronic exchanges functioning in Indore at present and the number of those under construction and the time by which these exchanges are likely to be completed;

(b) whether any scheme is under consideration to set up more electronic exchanges in future; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) 5 Nos. of Electronic Exchanges are working. Work for expanding the existing exchanges by 7500 lines is in progress and is likely to be completed by March 1992.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In the near future, one 10,000 lines Electronic Exchange is planned at Nehru Park during 1992-93.

Super Power Thermal Station in Bihar

1646. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a Super Power Thermal Station in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A proposal has been received from National Thermal Power Corporation for setting up of the North Karanpura Super Thermal Power Project Stage-I (2X500 MW) in district Hazaribagh. The proposal has been techno-economically cleared by the Central Electricity Authority subject to certain conditions including clearance from environmental angle, confirmation of water availability etc. The project will require investment approval after these issues are settled.

[*English*]

SC/ST Quota for Various Posts

1647. SHRI C.P. MUDALA GIRI-YAPPA:
SHRI H.K. MUNIYAAP:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to reserve some posts of High Court Judges, Supreme Court Judges, Member of Legislative Councils, Members of Rajya Sabha, Ambassadors for the members of SCs/STs and for women;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?